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Mr. William Bown  
Bonneville Quarries, Inc.  
842 West 400 North  
West Bountiful, UT 84087

Dear Mr. Bown:

On April 4, 2005, the Salt Lake Field Office approved Bonneville Quarries, Inc. (BQI) Plan of Operations (Plan) to conduct quartzite building stone gathering activities in the Grouse Creek Mountains in Section 35, T. 13 N., R. 17 W. and in Section 3, T. 12 N., R. 17 W. The current Plan is designated as case file serial number U-72296.

It is our understanding that BQI recently submitted a Plan Amendment to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) to expand quartzite building stone gathering activities onto adjacent lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Salt Lake Field Office. On September 26, 2006, I received a verbal request from Lynn Kunzler of UDOGM to agree to an increase in the reclamation surety that would be required for such expansion from \$12,500 to \$18,700. Lynn Kunzler apparently sent the BLM a copy of BQI's Plan Amendment, however it has been misplaced or has been lost without action.

In order that we may begin processing your Plan Amendment, please provide a copy of your Amendment to this office at your earliest convenience. Please be advised that quartzite is generally considered by the BLM to be a common stone that is widely found throughout the United States and may be used for a variety of purposes that other common mineral materials are suitable for. It is our opinion that you may be proposing to mine common variety mineral materials (salable minerals) from your mining claim under the auspices of the mining law. We feel that these mineral materials should be purchased through BLM's Mineral Material Disposal regulations at 43 CFR 3600.

For your information, on October 7, 2005, the BLM published a final rule in the Federal Register (copy enclosed) to impose new fees to cover BLM's costs of actions such as completing validity examinations and common variety mineral determinations. Because we believe BQI may be proposing to mine common variety mineral materials from mining claims in the Grouse Creek Mountains, a validity examination would need to be prepared before the subject Plan

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Amendment could be approved. BQI would be required to pay all of the costs associated with preparing such a validity examination.

Please provide a copy of your Plan Amendment to this office at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Ford".

Michael Ford  
Geologist

Enclosure

Cc: Ms. Susan M. White  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining